

House Resolution No. 63

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Missouri native Austin David "Ozzie" Pratt on December 15, 2007, while on duty in Iraq at the age of twenty-two; and

Whereas, born on December 19, 1984, Ozzie Pratt was one of eight children born into the loving family of David and Monica Pratt of Cadet, Missouri; and

Whereas, Ozzie Pratt enjoyed playing horseshoes as a small child, and as he grew older he shifted the focus of his time and energy to baseball, including playing for the Potosi Hornets, Potosi Pumas, Potosi Elks, several Mineral Area Baseball All-Star teams, and the Potosi High School team; and

Whereas, Ozzie Pratt played on several state championship teams, including teams that qualified for World Series competition; and

Whereas, Ozzie Pratt joined the United States Army out of a love for his country, and he rose to the rank of Sergeant, completed a tour in Afghanistan, and was nearly finished with a second tour in Iraq as an infantryman with the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at the time of his death; and

Whereas, Sergeant Ozzie Pratt had earned a National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service ribbon, NATO Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Weapons Qualification Badge and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Army Good Conduct Medal posthumously; and

Whereas, in addition to his parents, Sergeant Ozzie Pratt is survived by his siblings, Cathy Coleman, Donna Missey, Angela Mitchell, Jodi C. Pratt, Sarah Pratt, Jaclyne Pratt, and Mattheaw Pratt:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Ozzie Pratt and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives:

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Austin David "Ozzie" Pratt of Cadet, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Belinda Harris
District No. 110

Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 63, adopted January 14, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker